

her personally since we both moved into the same building in Co-Op City in November 1971. She truly is a selfless woman who touches the lives of all whom she encounters.

As a resident of Co-Op City for over 30 years, she continues to be active within the Co-Op City Baptist Church. Not only does she continue to attend services regularly, but she has also served as a Deaconess, Usher and a willing volunteer through her membership for over 25 years.

She has also assisted others as an Inhalation Technician at Bellevue Hospital in New York City for over 20 years. If this wasn't enough, Ms. Brown served in the Medical Section of the United States Army starting in 1943 and was honorably discharged in September 1945. Clearly, the compassion that Gladys has for others has no boundaries.

In her spare time, Gladys is a member of The American Legion, Co-Op City Post 1871 and also enjoys traveling. In her many years, she has traveled extensively. I am sure that those whom she has met in her travels and her comrades from the American Legion agree with me that the warmth and compassion she has is hard to come by.

Her determination and strong work ethic are clearly inherent in Gladys' character as at the age of 14 she migrated from the Montego Bay in the British West Indies to the United States to live with an uncle residing in Harlem, New York. Today, she is the youngest and only living of four siblings. Despite this, her family still extends far as she has a host of nieces and nephews, legionnaires and comrades, friends, neighbors, acquaintances and everyday admirers.

I am lucky to know Gladys and honored to come before you today on behalf of her 100th birthday. I firmly believe that I am a better person for knowing Gladys and believe that everyone who comes in contact with her feels the same way as well.

RECOGNIZING VFW CONTEST  
WINNER BENJAMIN S. HAMPTON

**HON. ERNIE FLETCHER**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 4, 2002*

Mr. FLETCHER. Mr. Speaker, in this new found era of patriotism, it is fitting that I recognize in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the winning essay of the 2001–2002 VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship Contest, written by Benjamin S. Hampton of Frankfort, Kentucky, entitled "Reaching Out to America's Future," and included below.

Since the horrific attacks of September 11, the American people have undoubtedly experienced a dramatic shift in patriotic sentiment. The attacks by the radical al-Qaeda terrorist network have caused Americans to unite in defense of the ideals and principles on which our nation was built. The very rights guaranteed by the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution came under attack on September 11, and Americans have unified in an effort to protect their freedoms and ensure that these rights will not be infringed upon. In doing so, they have displayed a steadfast patriotism and loyalty to our country unparalleled in nearly all of history.

Yet, as the weeks pass and the memories of September 11 are only worsened by the newer

threats to our national security, the overall patriotic emotion in our great nation seems to be fading. Following a tremendous, nationwide surge in patriotism in the few weeks following the original attacks, patriotic fervency has begun to dwindle. Therefore, it is evident that we must make every effort possible to maintain and even further bolster this historic degree of patriotism. We must secure full and unconditional support by the American people for the government that represents them, and must assure all Americans that the United States will survive as a freedom-loving democracy for centuries to come.

In order to achieve this end, it is clearly evident that we must utilize our greatest resource, the youth of America. By targeting this precious resource we can reach out to the future of America by providing the youth of today with the ideals of patriotism and love of country that they will most certainly need tomorrow. In being exposed to patriotic attitudes, today's youth can lead the America of tomorrow headstrong into the future as the brightest beacon for hope and freedom that the world has ever seen.

With the intention of instilling the ideals of patriotism and love of country in our Nation's youth, we must revert to the practice of teaching citizenship in our nation's schools. We must look beyond simply requiring a civics course in our high schools, and must look beyond the customary study of government in fifth grade classrooms. While such education is necessary and very meaningful, however, it is not adequate in and of itself. Instead, we must saturate our educational system with constant lessons in citizenship and patriotism, and must even extend such citizenship education into the home.

The simple act of teaching patriotic songs in our schools, for example, would serve to make youth better appreciate and value their citizenship. Having schools lead students in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance each morning before classes begin and having students be responsible for ceremoniously raising and lowering the flag each day would also augment the effort to increase patriotic awareness in our nation's schools.

At home, parents should promote the adoption of behaviors of good citizens for all family members. Encouraging the entire family to eat healthy, maintain good personal hygiene and to obey all rules would cause parents and children alike to realize their duty in building a safer and healthier community. Furthermore, parents should emphasize the duties of every citizen to fulfill their obligations to serve on juries, pay taxes and serve in the military. Such ideas are not new but have simply been removed from the national spotlight. Now is the time to commit these behaviors to everyday practice. As Edwin C. Broome and Edwin W. Adams remind us in their *Conduct and Citizenship*, "Character is a nation's strength. The nations of earth that, like the Roman Empire, have been overthrown, were not defeated by outside enemies, but by their own failure to live up to high standards of national character."

Therefore, it is every citizen's duty to not only live up to such standards, but to instill in our nation's youth the importance of patriotism and citizenship in everyday life. It is our nation's livelihood that relies on this commitment. In order to ensure that the United States remains the brightest beacon for hope and freedom in the world, it is crucial that we reach out to the future of our nation. We must educate the youth of today in the morals of patriotism and loyalty that they will need tomorrow. We cannot allow to be lost another opportunity to reinstate such ideals. Now is the time to act, to reach out

to the future of our Nation, and to stand up and say that America will triumph over the evil in our world.

A TRIBUTE TO CHANCELLOR  
JAMES R. LEUTZE, UNIVERSITY  
OF NORTH CAROLINA AT WIL-  
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**HON. MIKE MCINTYRE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 4, 2002*

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today and honor Dr. James R. Leutze, Chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. In June of 2003, Chancellor Leutze will retire after serving the University for twelve years.

James Leutze brought growth and prosperity to the Wilmington campus. He made a good university great. During Chancellor Leutze's tenure, the University of North Carolina at Wilmington has seen increases in admissions standards, the overall student body, and the average grade point average. His focus on educational growth has led to the University achieving several high national rankings. These include the U.S. News and World Report's top ten regional undergraduate public universities in the South for two years in a row and recognition by The Gourman Report as having one of the top five marine biology programs in the nation. Furthermore, from his distinguished position, Chancellor Leutze has successfully raised awareness about environmental and growth concerns in the Southeast.

Chancellor Leutze championed the UNCW Marine Biology program, which now ranks among the nation's best programs. Moreover, Chancellor Leutze was instrumental in ensuring the construction of Aquarius, an underwater laboratory in Key Largo, Florida where students and faculty conduct extensive research regarding our oceans. In addition to his hard work on the undergraduate level, Chancellor Leutze is responsible for obtaining the approval to offer a doctorate program in marine biology, which remains the University's only Ph.D. program.

Chancellor Leutze was also dedicated to ensuring that all communities had access to the latest technological advances, especially the Internet. Chancellor Leutze helped pave the way for the Information Superhighway through southeastern North Carolina via his work in the development of two regional technology initiatives, as well as UNCW's Global Virtual University. His dedication to technology was acknowledged, as Chancellor Leutze was appointed Chairman of the Rural Internet Access Authority by the Governor of North Carolina. In addition to this esteemed honor, Chancellor Leutze also served on the North Carolina Progress Board, the Government Performance Audit Committee, and the Commission for a Competitive North Carolina.

Chancellor Leutze has earned the respect of the administration, the faculty, and the students for his dedication to ensuring that the University of North Carolina at Wilmington will continue to grow and thrive for years to come.

We owe Chancellor James R. Leutze our sincere appreciation for his lifelong commitment to education as evidenced by his work